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To: SAC, Birmingham

From: Director, FBI

BOBBY FRANK CHERRY
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT
BOMBING MATTERS

Bufiles do not indicate the subject is listed as a Potential Bombing Suspect by your office.

In view of subject's background, he falls within the criteria of Section 23, Manual of Instructions relative to potential bombing suspects.

Within 5 days of receipt of this communication, submit 3 copies of a report to the Bureau designating 1 copy to U. S. Secret Service locally containing data set forth in the above cited section of the Manual of Instructions covering potential bombing suspects.

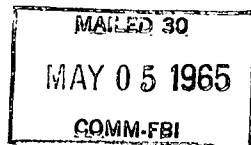
The Bureau has placed Cherry on the list of suspects assigned to the Birmingham Office.

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NOTE: Bobby Frank Cherry is a suspect in Bapbomb. He should be carried as a potential bombing suspect. Purpose of this communication is to attain complete background data under this specific category.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE BIRMINGHAM	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BIRMINGHAM	DATE 5/10/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/7-10/65
TITLE OF CASE BOBBY FRANK CHERRY, aka Bob Cherry, Bob F. Cherry, Bobby Cherry, Bobby F. Cherry		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY ela
		CHARACTER OF CASE RM	b6 b7C

REFERENCE:

Bureau airtel to Birmingham, 5/5/65.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Instant report has been prepared in accordance with Bureau instructions, as set forth in referenced airtel.

As the Bureau is aware, CHERRY is a prime suspect in the case entitled, "BAPBOMB," (BH 157-352), and is being considered a potential bombing suspect of the Birmingham Office.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T symbols were used only where necessary.

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

At Birmingham, Alabama:

Will follow activities of subject and report same
in connection with Bapbomb investigation.

INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source:

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File Where Located:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - United States Secret Service, Birmingham, Alabama (RM)

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: 5/10/65

Office: Birmingham

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Field Office File No.: BH 157-476

Bureau File No.:

Title: BOBBY FRANK CHERRY

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis: CHERRY is a white male, residing 2412 Avenue I, (Ensley), Birmingham, Alabama. Born 6/20/29; 6/2/29; 6/20/30, Mineral Springs, Alabama. Entered U. S. Marine Corps, 5/16/47 - 11/30/49; received Bad Conduct Discharge; U. S. Marine Corps Serial # 652528. CHERRY completed 8th grade in 1945; is married to NIRA VIRGINIA CHERRY, and has 7 minor children.

Mr. Bobby Frank Cherry

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DETAILS:

The following background information regarding CHERRY is being set out in view of information furnished by [REDACTED]

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[redacted] advised on May 7, 1965, that BOBBY FRANK CHERRY is a staunch segregationist and a "very violent individual." [redacted]

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[redacted] in the past, and has been a former active member of Klavern Number 13, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA).

A characterization of the UKA is attached in the appendix of this report.

[redacted] stated CHERRY has displayed in the past a high degree of knowledge in the use of explosives, and is of the definite opinion that CHERRY is capable of perpetrating a bombing and/or other acts of violence.

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BACKGROUND DATA:

Descriptive Information:

Race:	Caucasian
Sex:	Male
Height:	6' - 6'1"
Weight:	185 - 190 pounds
Dates of Birth:	June 2, 1929; June 20, 1929; June 20, 1930
Place of Birth:	Mineral Springs, Alabama
Hair:	Blond
Eyes:	Blue
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Ruddy
Scars and Marks:	ANT: Tattoo "Bobby", left upper arm; PS left knee; "S3" right foot; POST; PS left arm; PS left elbow
Characteristics:	No upper teeth; Back broken, May 20, 1963, wore brace from May, 1963, to September, 1963.
FBI Number:	284 129 A
Social Security #:	[redacted]

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Residence: 2412 Avenue I, Ensley,
Birmingham, Alabama
Former Residences: 424 1st Avenue, North,
Birmingham, Alabama;
3105 Avenue N, Ensley,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Relatives:

Father:

Mother:

Wife:

NIRA VIRGINIA CHERRY,
nee WOOD,
2412 Avenue I, Ensley,
Birmingham Alabama

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Children:

Brother:

Sisters:

Brothers-in-law:

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Military Service:	U. S. Marine Corps, May 16, 1947 - November 30, 1949; Serial # 652528; Bad Conduct Discharge; Rank - Private
Education:	Completed 8th grade in 1945, at Orange Grove, Florida; Received Welding Certificate from Booster Welding School, Tampa, Florida, in 1945
Occupation:	Truck Driver
Present Employment:	Gordon Transportation Company, 1341 26th Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama
Arrest Record:	Sheriff's Office, Birmingham, Alabama, #48376, June 12, 1948, Charge Marine In Transit, No disposition; Sheriff's Office, Birmingham, Alabama, September 29, 1949, Charge Marine Straggler, No disposition; April 30, 1947, Charge disorderly conduct, Fined \$25.00 costs and 30 days sentence which was suspended.
Automobiles Now in Possession of Subject:	1963 white Chevrolet Station wagon, bearing 1965 Alabama license 1A-35765;

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**Vehicles Now
in Possession
(Continued):**

1954 International
Pickup Truck, $\frac{1}{2}$ Ton,
red and white, bearing
1965 Alabama License
1H/18444;

1953 Cadillac, black,
two door, bearing
1965 Alabama License
1A-5522.

**Vehicles Formerly
Owned by Subject:**

1955 Oldsmobile, two door,
red and white, bearing
1965 Alabama License
1A-5521.

**UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)**

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, the Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by [redacted] Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several Southern States.)

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Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Third source advised on September 24, 1964, that the United Klans is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several Southern states; that [redacted] was re-elected Imperial Wizard on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. The National Office remains in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
1400 - 2121 Building
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
May 10, 1965**

Title BOBBY FRANK CHERRY

Character RACIAL MATTERS

**Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
 at Birmingham, Alabama,
 dated May 10, 1965.**

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI
Attn. Latent Fingerprint Section

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, Birmingham (157-476)(P)

SUBJECT: BOBBY FRANK CHERRY, aka
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT
BOMBING MATTERS

DATE: 5/26/65

C Rerep of SA Birmingham, dated 5/10/65.

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CHERRY is presently a potential bombing suspect of the Birmingham Division, as well as one of several prime suspects in "BAPBOMB" (BH 157-352).

In view of CHERRY's background, it is conceivable that he may possibly personally handle explosives.

The FBI Latent Fingerprint Section is, therefore, requested to include CHERRY in the single fingerprint explosives file.

*Being entered in "Explosives" file
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EXPLOSIVES

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Reporting Office BIRMINGHAM	Office of Origin BIRMINGHAM	Date 10/15/65	Investigative Period 1/12-10/5/65
Title of Case BOBBY FRANK CHERRY		Report made by SA [redacted]	Typed By: ela
		Character of Case RM (KLAN)	

NONPROSECUTIVE SUMMARY

REFERENCE:

Bureau airtel to Birmingham, 2/24/65,
captioned "INVESTIGATION OF KLANSMEN,
RACIAL MATTERS;"
Bureau letter to Birmingham, 3/29/65;
Report of SA [redacted]
at Birmingham, dated 5/10/65;
Birmingham letter to Bureau, 5/26/65.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Subject's activities are being closely followed
by Birmingham informants.

Approved: *[Signature]* Special Agent
in Charge

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This case is being placed in a pending inactive status for a period of three months, after which time it will be made active, and subject's activities brought up to date.

The investigative period reflects investigation conducted in 1965, and does not reflect the results of investigation conducted prior to that time.

On May 26, 1965, the Bureau was requested to include subject's fingerprints in the single fingerprint explosives file.

On March 29, 1965, the Identification Division advised that the latent fingerprints found in Greenbombs case were not identical with the fingerprints of subject.

Subject was interviewed with the aid of the polygraph on October 9, 1963, and the polygraph chart reflected emotional reactions often connected with deception. It appeared from the chart that he had some knowledge of recent bombings in the Birmingham area, and that he has bombed some house in the past. When confronted with the chart, subject said that he had not bombed any house, and he would not admit to any lies.

INFORMANTS:

Careful consideration has been given to the use of T symbols in this report. In view of the KKK's potential for violence, the symbols have been used to protect the sources of information.

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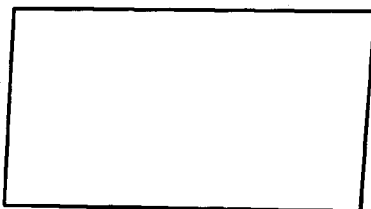
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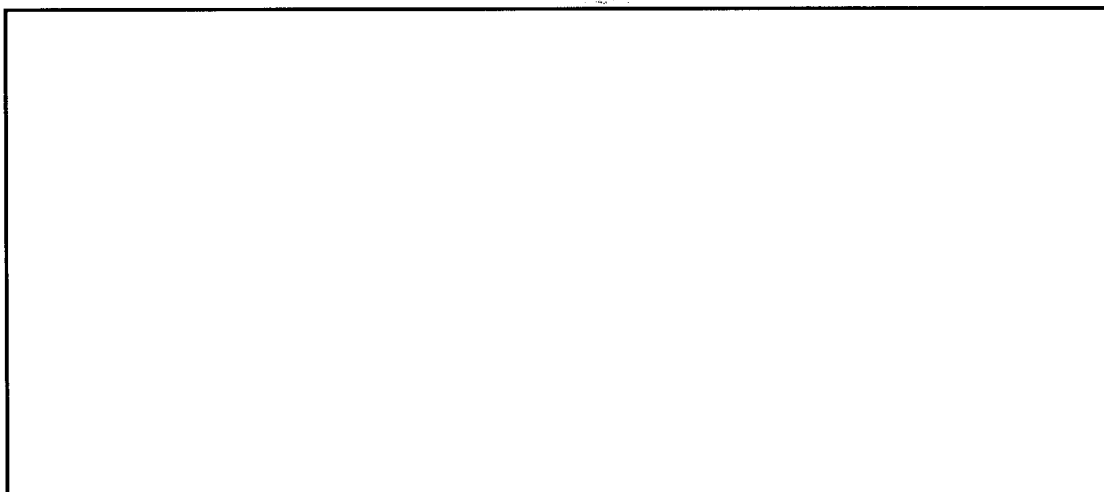
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The following information furnished by informants and a [redacted] source is not being included in the details of this report, because of the sensitive nature of the information, and the limited number of individuals who were in a position to obtain the information furnished. Dissemination of this information could possibly expose these individuals, and thereby subject them to physical harm.



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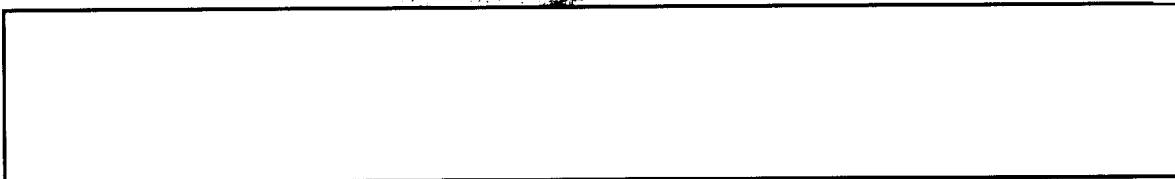
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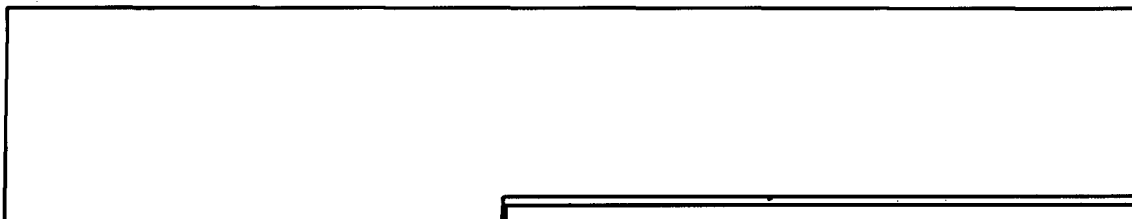
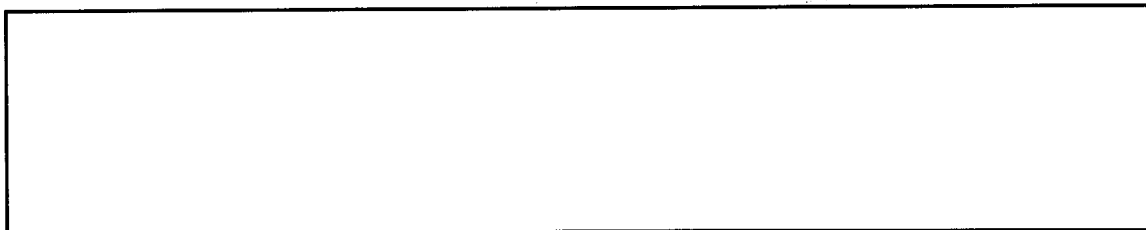


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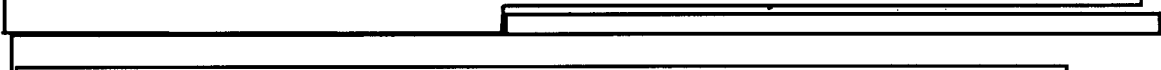
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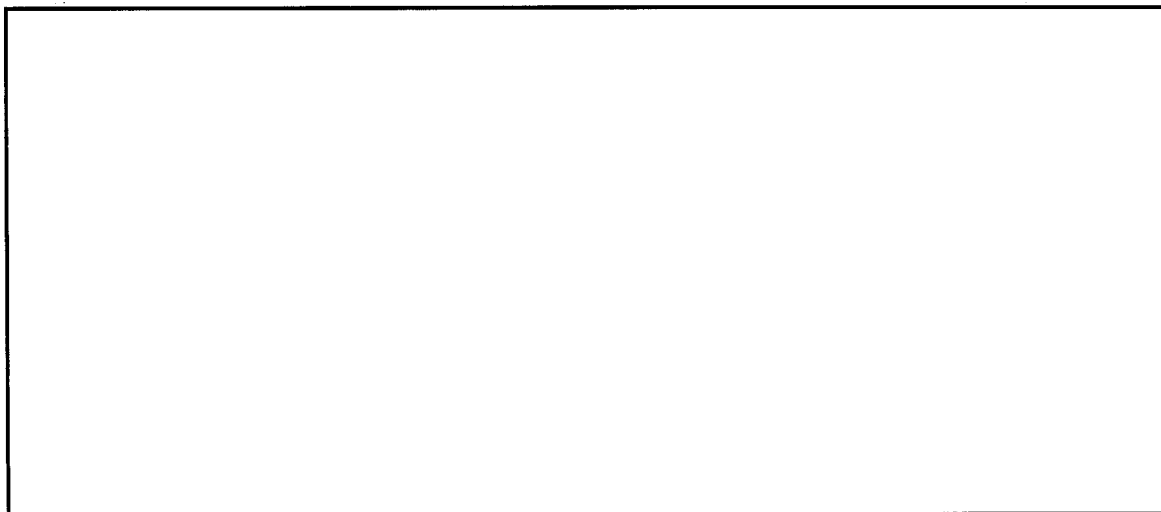
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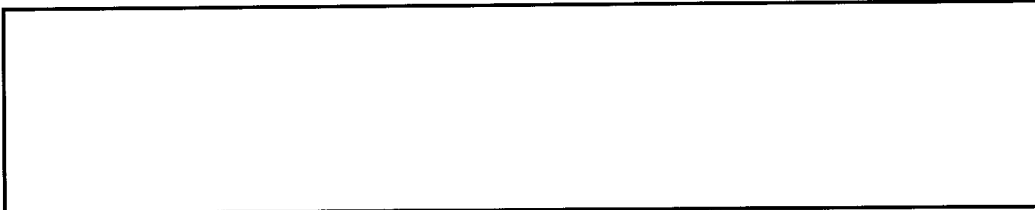
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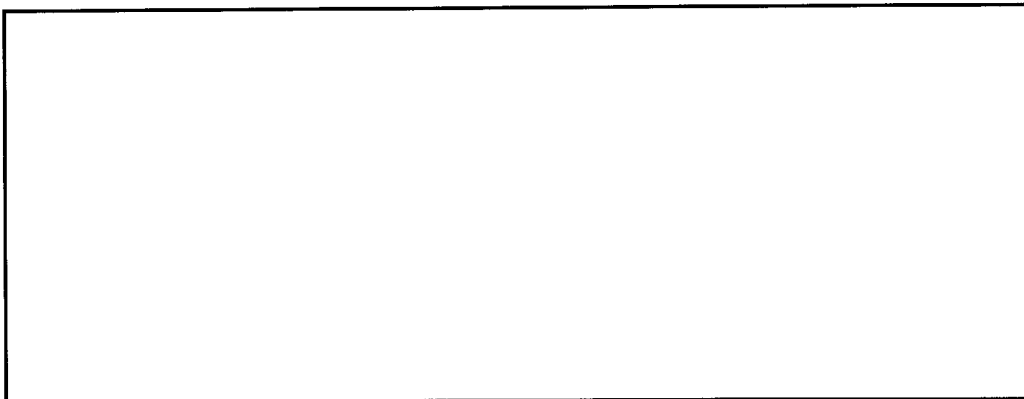
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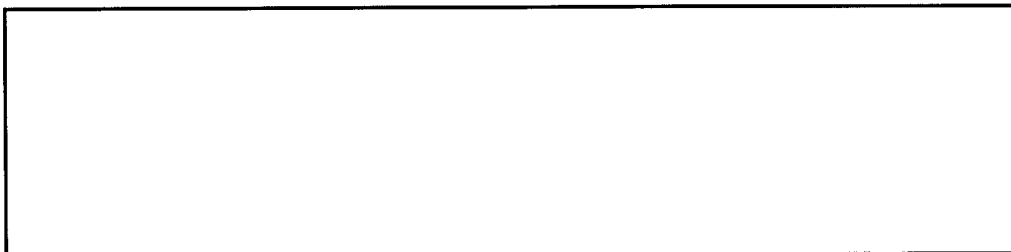
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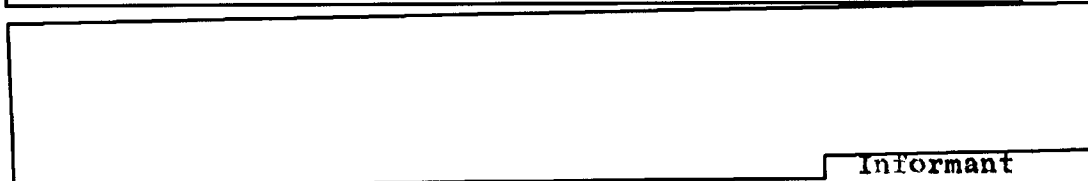


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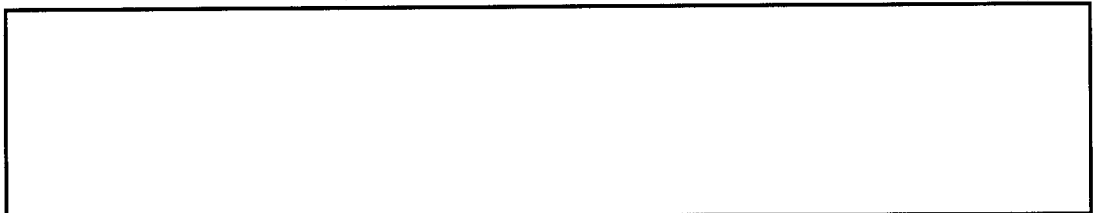
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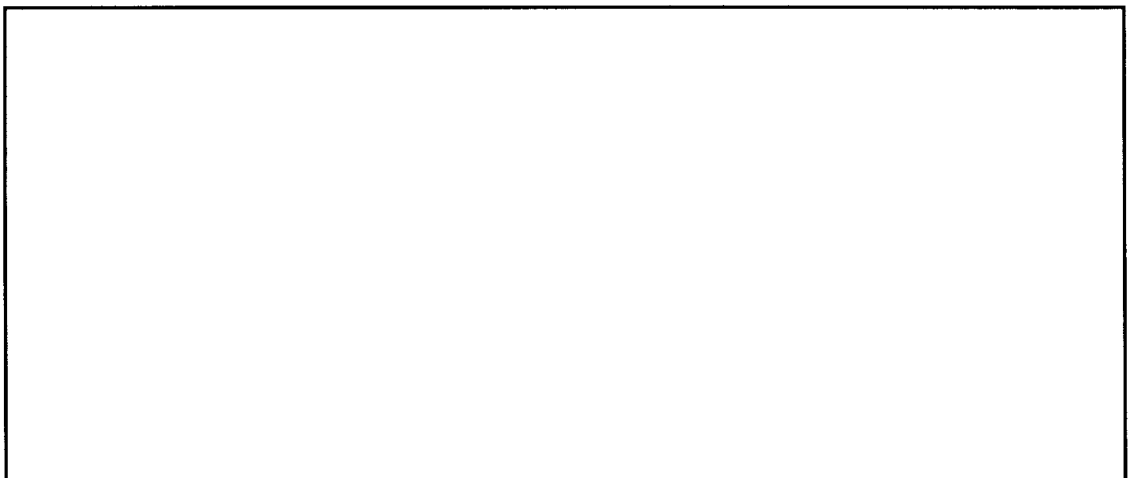
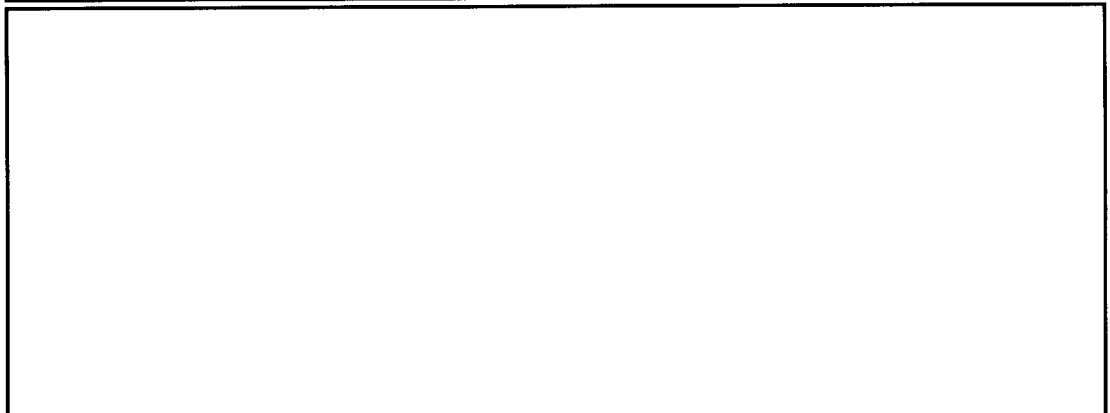


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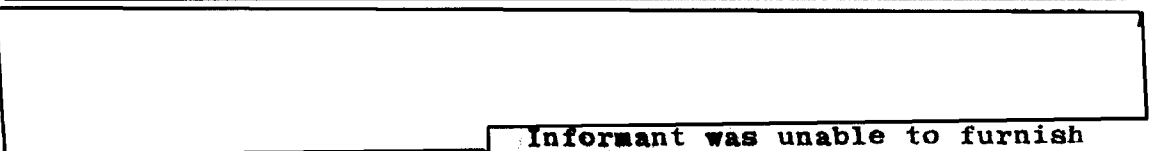


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any other details. Informant was unable to furnish

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Report of:
Date:

SA [REDACTED]
10/15/65

Office: Birmingham

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Field Office File #: BH 157-476

Bureau File #: 174-78

Title: BOBBY FRANK CHERRY

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis:

BOBBY FRANK CHERRY, 2412 Avenue I, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, a white male, date of birth 6/2/29, 6/20/29, or 6/20/30, at Mineral Springs, Alabama, was formerly a member of Eastview Klavern #13, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), in Birmingham, Alabama, until he reportedly was kicked out of the organization. He allegedly has participated in acts of violence in the Birmingham area, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He denies having any knowledge concerning any bombings or attempted bombings, and said that if he had anything against the 16th Street Baptist Church, he would have "done something to the pastor." He said he would personally kill anybody who accuses him of bombing the church, and he once slapped around a Negro boy who had stolen a ball of string from his (CHERRY's) son. He admits receiving training in the use of explosives while in the service, and has described how he would detonate an explosive. CAUTION SHOULD BE USED WHEN CONTACTING SUBJECT, BECAUSE OF HIS ALLEGED PARTICIPATION IN ACTS OF VIOLENCE, AND HIS STATEMENTS INDICATING A PROPENSITY FOR VIOLENCE.

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ENCLOSURES:

TO INTC, ONI, OSI, and SECRET SERVICE, BIRMINGHAM:

One photograph of subject BOBBY FRANK CHERRY is enclosed to INTC, ONI, OSI, and Secret Service, Birmingham.

DETAILS:

BACKGROUND:

BIRTH:

June 2, 1929; June 20, 1929; or June 20, 1930, at Mineral Springs, Alabama.

CITIZENSHIP:

American.

EDUCATION:

Completed eighth grade in 1945, at Orange Grove, Florida; reportedly attended West End High School, but school officials cannot find any record; received welding certificate from Booster Welding School, Tampa, Florida, 1945.

MARITAL STATUS:

Married (for names of wife and children, see physical description).

MILITARY SERVICE:

A review, on January 18, 1965, of the files at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, indicated BOBBY FRANK CHERRY, Serial Number 652528, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, on May 16, 1947, at Birmingham, Alabama, and served on active duty until November 30, 1949, at which time he was given a bad conduct discharge, as a Private, due to a summary court martial.

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The records reflect the following disciplinary action:

Summary court martial - June 24, 1948 - AWOL.

Summary court martial - September 10, 1948 - AWOL.

October 8, 1948 - Threatening Brig Chaser.

April 24, 1949 - AWOL.

Deck Court - July 1, 1949 - Neglect of Duty.

Summary court martial - October 13, 1949 - AWOL.

No indication of treatment for mental or nervous disorders, and no information indicating subject has or had any specific training or knowledge in the field of demolitions or explosives was noted in the records.

CREDIT AND ARREST RECORD:

On October 24, 1963, a review of the records of the Merchants Credit Association, Birmingham, Alabama, revealed that subject had been employed by the Wilson and Company, construction concern, Omaha, Nebraska, (no dates); as a carpenter for [redacted] during the latter part of 1950; and for Baggett Transportation Company, from 1951 to 1955; and that from July 9, 1952, to September 17, 1963, there were twelve claims, including two wage earners petitions, against subject, totaling approximately \$1,525.90. On July 29, 1959, subject had a chattel mortgage of \$2,456.00 due to Gordon Transportation Federated Credit Union, Memphis, Tennessee; on March 8, 1962, he had a chattel mortgage on a Ford, with \$977.76 due; and on September 17, 1963, he purchased a 1962 Ford sedan from [redacted]

When reviewed on May 20, 1964, the Merchants Credit Association records reflected that subject was employed by Gordon Transportation Company, Birmingham, as a truck driver; and that on October 31, 1963, he filed a bankruptcy petition, and fifteen creditors were listed, with claims totaling \$2,696.83.

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When reviewed on October 5, 1965, the Merchants Credit Association records reflected that, in addition to the above, there were three claims against subject totaling \$248.50; and that on February 13, 1965, Gordon Transportation Federated Credit Union of Memphis, Tennessee, held a chattel mortgage on a Chevrolet, and \$1,669.16 was due.

The following arrest record is current, as of October 5, 1965:

Sheriff's Office, Birmingham, Alabama, arrested under #48376, June 12, 1948 - Marine in transit - no disposition.

September 29, 1949 - Marine straggler, no disposition.

April 30, 1947 - Disorderly Conduct - \$25.00 and costs, 30 days suspended.

Police Department, Birmingham, Alabama, has no record for subject.

Recorders Court, Birmingham, Alabama, January 18, 1963 - Using profanity over telephone - \$50.00 plus costs, 30 days appealed.

No additional arrests were reflected on FBI Identification record dated August 13, 1965, under FBI Number 284129A.

EMPLOYMENT:

Present employment - Gordon Transportation Company, 1341 26th Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama, as truck driver, since February 21, 1956.

Past employments - Miami, Florida, truck driver, 1945;

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Engle Iron Works, 904 4th Avenue, Birmingham, welder, 1946 - 1947;

Wilson and Company, construction concern, Omaha, Nebraska, no dates;

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Past employments
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- [redacted] carpenter,
latter part 1950;

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Baggett Transportation Company,
1951 - 1955.

RESIDENCE:

2412 Avenue I, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Name: BOBBY FRANK CHERRY
Race: White
Sex: Male
Height: 6' - 6'1"
Weight: 185 - 190 pounds
Hair: Blond
Eyes: Blue
Build: Medium
Complexion: Ruddy

Social Security #: [redacted]
Scars and Marks:

Tattoo "BOBBY", left upper arm;
PS left knee; "S3" right foot;
PS left elbow; VS left arm.
No upper teeth; back broken,
May 20, 1963, wore brace
from May, 1963 - September,
1963. [redacted]

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Relatives:
Father:

Mother:

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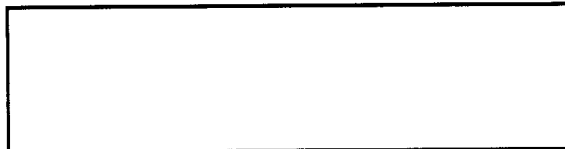
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Wife:

Mr. Bobby L. Cherry
NIRA VIRGINIA CHERRY,
nee WOOD,
2412 Avenue I, Ensley,
Birmingham, Alabama

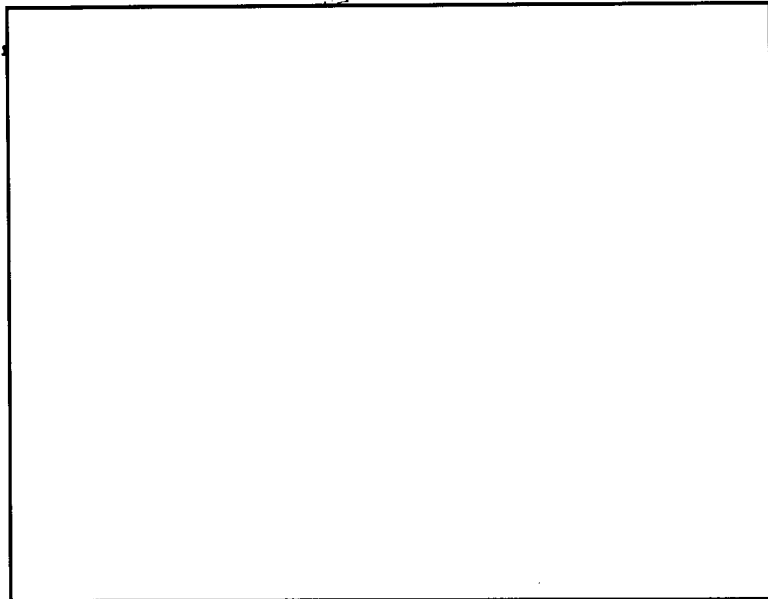
Children:
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Brother:

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Sisters: b7C



VEHICLES:

1963 white or cream Chevrolet station wagon,
1965 Alabama license 1A-35765;

1954 International pickup truck, one-half ton,
red and white, 1965 Alabama license 1-H/1-8444.

1953 Cadillac, black, two door, 1965 Alabama
license 1A-5522.

1958 gray and white Pontiac, 1965 Alabama
license 1A-89269.

Vehicles previously owned:

1960 Corvair, four door sedan, white over black,
1965 Alabama license 1A-29378.

1955 Oldsmobile 88, two door, 1965 Alabama license
1A-5521.

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On October 5, 1965, the Jefferson County Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Records, reflected that the above described 1955 Oldsmobile and 1953 Cadillac were registered to subject.

A black pickup truck with a spotlight, 1965 Alabama license 1-H/1-14180, was parked at subject's residence on the night of May 23-24, 1965.

PHOTOGRAPH:

INTC, ONI, OSI, and Secret Service are each being furnished one photograph of BOBBY FRANK CHERRY.

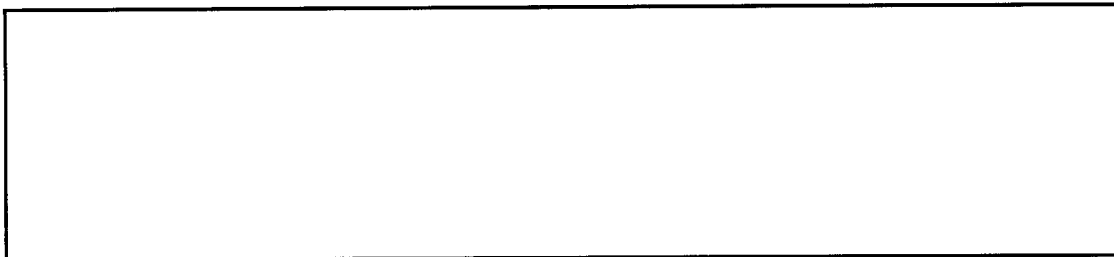
SPECIAL ABILITIES OF SUBJECT, INCLUDING
KNOWLEDGE OF WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES:

On October 9, 1963, subject advised that he owned a .38 caliber pistol, a .22 caliber rifle, and a carbine.

On July 24, 1964, the files of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Birmingham, Alabama, revealed that subject had been issued a pistol permit.

On October 28, 1964, subject advised that he had had training in the use of explosives while in the military service, and said, to detonate an explosive, he would use either a fuse, which he would light by hand, or an electric blasting cap, detonated by an alarm clock mechanism. He added that another type of detonator could be achieved by using chemicals in conjunction with a fuse or blasting cap. He said either nitric or sulphuric acid could be placed in a plastic container similar to the type used to hold pills. He said powdered sugar or an unknown chemical would then be mixed and inserted into a larger size gelatin capsule, of the type used by farmers to administer medication to livestock. He said the gelatin capsule then would be dropped into the acid container, the acid would then dissolve the capsule, resulting in a chemical fire of intense heat, which would be capable of igniting the dynamite fuse. He said he had not personally seen this type of device used or tested, and was otherwise unable to determine how he had obtained information concerning the device. He said it is possible the Boy Scouts of America have demonstrated the use of this process in starting fires in some of their scientific demonstrations.

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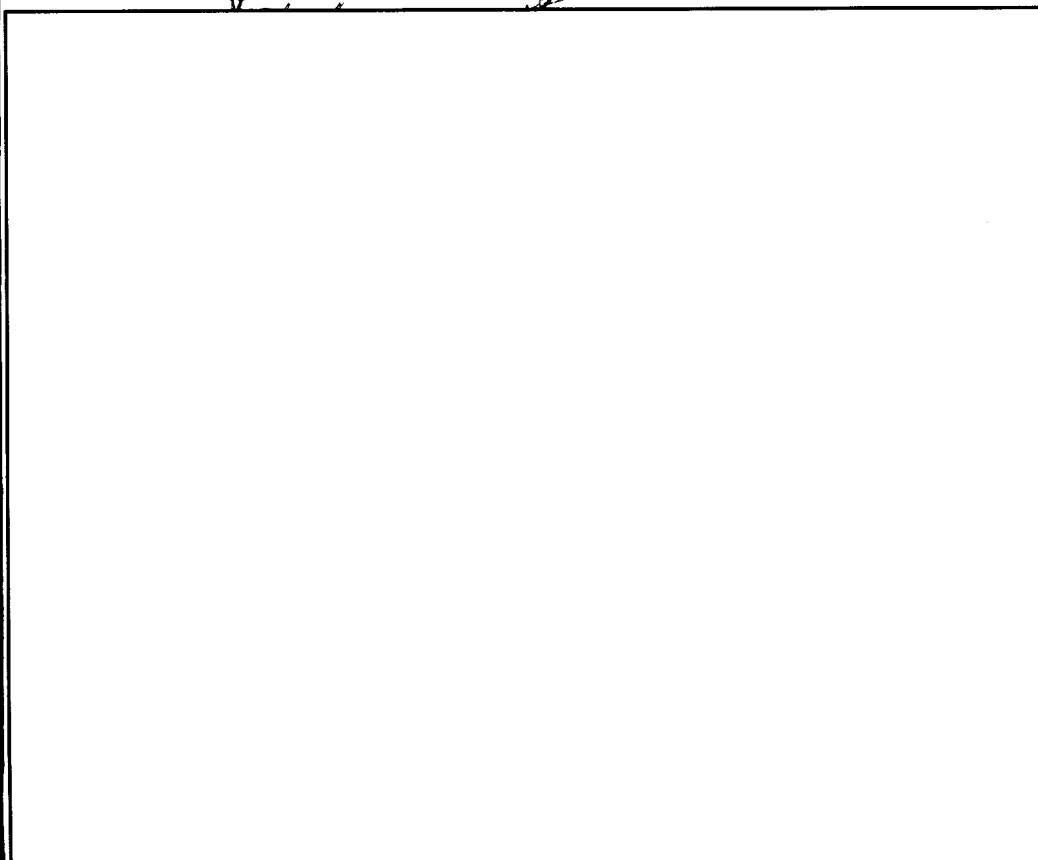
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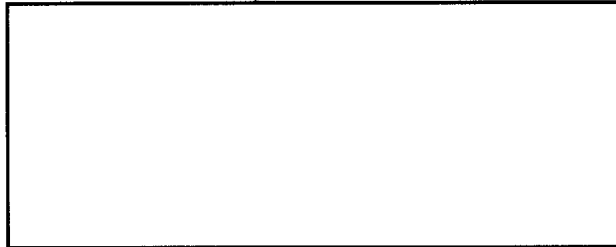
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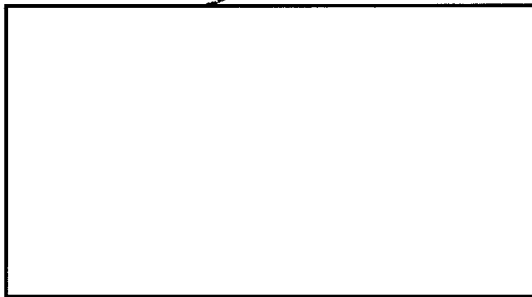
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- (2) Individuals who claim to know or be associates of subject (other than those admitted by subject):**



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- (3) Various other individuals have stated that subject has been seen with or is associates with the following individuals:**



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[redacted] This man was an ex-Klansman, [redacted]
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**STATEMENTS BY SUBJECT CONCERNING VIOLENCE
AND ACTIVITY IN RACIAL SITUATION:**

On October 9, 1963, subject was asked his whereabouts on September 15, 1963, at the time of the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing, and he stated that he is not sure where he was, except on that Sunday morning, he got up a little late, ate his breakfast, and left home about 11:30, going to [redacted] Modern Sign Shop, to give him a hand. On September 25, 1963, the time of the bombing at 16th and Center Streets, he was at home in bed. On September 4, 1963, the time of the bombing of the [redacted] residence, he was at home because he heard about it on the radio. On the night of August 20, 1963, the first bombing of the [redacted] residence, he stated he was at home and heard about it on television, and recalled saying to himself, "I hope it killed him."

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Subject stated he was invited to the Cahaba River Bridge to attend a meeting of a new Klan-type organization, but he does not remember who invited him. He said he did not go. He stated he was a member of the Security Guard of the Klan.

Subject stated if he has a problem, he will handle it himself, and related that a month or two ago, a group of Negroes threw rocks on his lawn, and he went into the house and got his .22 caliber rifle. He took one shot at them, aiming at their feet, and the Negroes "took off." He said about a year ago, he was at the home of [redacted] with [redacted] and [redacted] and they were putting new grips on his (subject's) .38 caliber revolver. He put the gun on a table for a minute or two, and someone must have loaded it, because a couple of minutes later, he picked up the gun and tried it out, and the gun went off, and the bullet hit [redacted] in the stomach. He stated he promptly rushed [redacted] to the hospital, where he was treated for gunshot wound.

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On October 27, 1963, subject denied any knowledge or participation in an incident involving the beating of a Negro at the Krystal Kitchen Restaurant, in the Woodlawn area of Birmingham, on December 3, 1961. He also denied being involved or participating in an incident which occurred on April 6, 1961, at Odenville, Alabama, where a farmer by the name of [redacted] was approached by a group of white men because they were harboring a Negro child.

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On January 17, 1964, subject advised that he had no information concerning the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, or any other bombing in the Birmingham area. He said he is not presently a member of the UKA, and about one year ago he had been an active member of Eastview Klavern Number 13, but had resigned his membership, since several members of that Klavern advocated violence with regard to the

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prevention of integration, and with regard to the racial situation in general in Birmingham. He said he had been contacted by Klan members and asked to rejoin, but refused because of their attitude toward violence. He said he is opposed to all types of violence, and believes the racial situation in Birmingham should only be handled through judicial action, rather than violence.

On June 26, 1964, subject again stated that he was no longer associated with the UKA, that he was in no way involved in the bombings in this area, and that he was opposed to all types of violence in connection with the racial situation.

On September 23, 1964, subject said that he had not been associating with any of the members of Eastview Klavern Number 13, but said he had stopped in to see [redacted] at his home, and talked with him about things in general. When asked if he was attending any meetings of Klan members who were meeting in the Cahaba Heights area, he said he was not aware that any meetings were being held by Klan members, except for the Eastview and Bessemer Klaverns. He said he held much different views and opinions on integration than most people, and "the only reason I didn't do the church bombing was maybe because someone beat me to it."

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On September 30, 1964, subject was asked if he ever wanted to dynamite the 16th Street Baptist Church, or if anyone ever asked him to do so. He responded negatively to both questions, and stated that if he had something against that particular church, he would "have done something to the pastor," and not kill innocent children.

On December 29, 1964, subject advised that he was interviewed by Colonel [redacted] of the Alabama State Troopers, at the St. Francis Motel in Birmingham, concerning the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church. Subject denied participation in the bombing, or in any other bombings, and said he does not know who might be talking against him, but if he goes to jail for three years, he will make sure to get those who put him there when he gets out. When asked specifically about the 16th Street Baptist Church, he said he had no part in that bombing, and would personally kill

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anyone who said he did. When asked about what testimony he would give to a Grand Jury, subject said "That's when the Fifth Amendment will come in handy."

On March 16, 1965, while being interviewed concerning the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, subject stated that if he wanted to bomb this church, he would probably use two cars, and only two men. One man would be the lookout and parked somewhere in the immediate vicinity, while the other man would drive in the area, park his car, and plant the bomb. He indicated he was in favor of such a plan, since he would not want too many people involved. When asked if such a bomb could be placed or thrown against a building, in view of utilizing a timing device, CHERRY stated the bomb could still be thrown, since a timing device such as a clock could be placed in material similar to styrofoam or other packing material associated with the shipping of portable radios. He later speculated that due to the excessive weight of a bomb, and the fragile nature of a clock or other timing device, it might be laid down, rather than thrown.

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BOBBY FRANK CHERRY, 2412 Avenue I, Ensley, was interviewed in Birmingham and after being made aware of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, he was advised by SA [] that he need not make any statement, that any statement he might make could subsequently be used against him in a court of law and that he had a right to consult legal counsel before making any statement.

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CHERRY advised that he is still employed on a regular basis with Gordon Trucking Company as a driver and has been working every day. He stated that his health is generally good but he has been having trouble of late with a very nervous stomach which he attributes to an incident occurring about two years ago wherein he accidentally shot and wounded [] at the home of []

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When questioned specifically whether he was once again a member of the Eastview Klavern of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, CHERRY advised that he is not associating at all with any members of the Klan. It was pointed out to him by the interviewing Agents that he had recently filled out an application for reinstatement in the Eastview Klavern, to which he immediately replied, "That no good g-- d--- [] after which he admitted that he had filled out an application for reinstatement but had changed his mind and has not been to any meetings of Eastview Klavern since his application. He advised that he has given the Klan serious thought of late and decided that although he is still very much in sympathy with Klan policies concerning segregation he feels that the Klan has become an organization which concerns itself with politics when it should be concerned more with the problems of racial segregation.

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When questioned specifically about his association with [] and the National States Rights Party (NSRP), CHERRY advised that he does not have anything to do with that "bunch" either. It was then pointed out to him that it is known he recently put up a billboard, depicting MARTIN LUTHER KING

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as a communist, in the company of [] and that he had furnished a story to [] which is expected to appear in the next issue of the NSRP newspaper "The Thunderbolt", after which CHERRY related that he has been to NSRP Headquarters several times and conferred with [] and furnished him with a story relating how he (CHERRY) has been a subject of FBI harassment tactics. CHERRY stated that [] has a good organization, but like the Klan, concentrates too much on politics and not enough on preventing racial integration. He stated that [] will go out of his way to gain a prospective member's confidence and then turn around and try to use him for his own purposes. As an example CHERRY stated that [] complained to him that he could not get anyone to help him erect the MARTIN LUTHER KING billboard for fear of physical harm from irate Negroes. CHERRY stated, "I told [] I would put up his billboard and shoot the first S.O.B. that tried to stop me." CHERRY related that he and [] put up this billboard near 5 Points West about April 1, 1965. b6 b7C

CHERRY stated that he first went to see [] at the request of [] and still continues to associate with [] from time to time. He advised that [] comes to see him occasionally but has not been around in the last week or so. He stated that [] came to see him once a while back when he was not at home and proceeded to get in a "cuss fight" with his (CHERRY's) wife. He said that he had to straighten [] out after this incident and has been friendly with him since although he has heard rumors that [] wife has instructed [] to "stay away from that sorry BOBBY CHERRY". He admitted that he has been asked by both [] and [] to help them picket the FBI Building and has told them both that he would, but expressed some doubt whether he would help them picket. b6 b7C

When questioned generally whether he was behaving himself, CHERRY stated to the interviewing Agents that they must already be aware of a recent incident wherein he had occasion to "slap the (obscene) out of a nigger at the 'Birmingham News'." When questioned for more specific information, CHERRY advised that his 14 year old son was a newspaper delivery boy and a few weeks previously had had some trouble with a 19 year old Negro boy who had stolen his ball of string used for tying the newspapers.

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Upon hearing this CHERRY stated he went to the newspaper stand and questioned the Negro who denied the theft. CHERRY said he slapped the Negro around good and the four or five other Negroes who were standing around ran and called the police. He said when he realized they had called the police he left in a hurry and has not heard anything about the incident since and has not let his son go back to his delivery job. CHERRY was asked if this was the son who injured his finger in the explosion of what was described as a match-head bomb. He stated it was and again denied that this injury resulted from the explosion of a dynamite cap. He said his son had made what the kids in the neighborhood describe as a "spoke bomb" made by filling the hollow spoke of a motorcycle wheel with match heads and then inserting a metal rod smaller than the spoke into the spoke where it packs the match heads tight and when a lighted match is held under the spoke the head ignites the match heads causing the rod to fly out of the spoke with great force. He explained that his son was tapping the metal rod into the spoke when the match heads ignited causing the rod to injure his finger.

CHERRY once again denied any implication in the building or setting out of green dynamite bombs in Birmingham on March 21, 1964 and April 1, 1965, and also any implication in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in September, 1963. He stated that he was given a lie detector test concerning the green dynamite bombs by a state investigator who told him that he had passed the test with flying colors. When told by the interviewing Agents that he was still considered a logical suspect in the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing, CHERRY replied with a nervous laugh and stated that anyone is entitled to his opinion and that he did not mind if we considered him a suspect but stated that he was getting a little tired of Agents talking to his neighbors and snooping around his house and the alley behind his house at all hours of the day and night. He stated that his wife is especially disturbed by this activity and is a nervous wreck because of it.

At one point in the conversation CHERRY asked what reason existed for the bombing of the Negro family who lives in the neighborhood of Gordon Trucking Company (referring to the bombing of the [redacted] residence on April 1, 1965). He stated he has never heard of these Negroes nor heard of their engaging in any

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activity which would warrant their being bombed the same day bombs were set down at the homes of [redacted] and [redacted]. He stated that he could understand why someone would want to bomb [redacted] house because of [redacted] policies concerning the Negro problem. He stated that [redacted] and other lawyers such as [redacted] and [redacted] would be more likely targets for a bombing than the Negro family.

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At this point in the interview, which was conducted by CHERRY's truck in the alley behind the 2121 Building, a green Oldsmobile pulled up to where CHERRY and the interviewing Agents were standing, whereupon the occupant, speaking to CHERRY said, "Are you having any trouble? I don't have my gun with me but I can go home and get it." CHERRY told the occupant that he was not having trouble. CHERRY and the occupant then discussed the large confederate flag painted on the roof of the car and the individual drove off. CHERRY said that this man is named (FNU) [redacted] but would not discuss him further. This car is described as a 1960 Oldsmobile, green in color, bearing 1965 Alabama tag # [redacted] later determined to be registered to [redacted]

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During the interview it was noted that CHERRY's shoes were covered with a reddish-brown substance which he explained is a substance used to give a reddish color to concrete when it is used for decorative purposes. He stated that he has hauled this stuff in his truck and is using some himself in a concrete walk he is building in his backyard.

The interviewing Agents suggested to CHERRY that since he was not implicated in any bombing activity he would have no objections if the Agents visited at his home where they could talk at greater length and have a look around his house and property. CHERRY was visibly annoyed at this suggestion and stated that such an arrangement would be impossible. He stated that his wife was upset enough over the FBI's activity and would not tolerate Agents snooping around her house. He continued that if the Agents tried to gain access to his house, he would be forced to see his lawyer and get a court injunction. CHERRY stated that he retains the services of [redacted] as his attorney.

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CHERRY advised that he no longer owns a 1960 Corvair automobile, stating that he sold this to his minister and bought a 1958 gray and white Pontiac with 1965 Alabama tag # 1A-89269.

CHERRY advised that he is currently "fixing up" his house in order to rent it out for a few months. He stated he plans on selling his house in the near future to the Pure Oil Company. He stated that he plans on moving out into the country in order to get out of his present neighborhood which he described as being run down and full of drunks. He concluded the interview at this point and reaffirmed his position on racial integration by stating, "My kids will never go to school with no niggers - I'll move out in the country and build my own school if necessary."

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MISCELLANEOUS:

On December 11, 1963, [] advised there are several suspects whom he considers dangerous, and whom he believes may attempt violence against Agents. He characterized BOBBY CHERRY as "meaner than snakes," and advised extreme caution should be used in any contact with him, since he is capable of killing.

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APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

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APPENDIX

**NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY
(NSRP)**

On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont," a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported "the recent formation of a new political party, to be known as the United White Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many Klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals."

The July, 1958, issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party" (NSRP), reported that rank and file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party," with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of Klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue No. 19, dated June, 1960, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

Issue No. 69, dated July, 1965, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the new headquarters of the NSRP as Post Office Box 184, Augusta, Georgia.

On August 4, 1965, a source advised that [redacted] of the NSRP and [redacted] of "The Thunderbolt," is the individual who actually [redacted] the NSRP.

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"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.

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1400 - 2121 Building

Birmingham, Alabama 35203

October 15, 1965

Title: BOBBY FRANK CHERRY

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

**Reference: Report of SA [REDACTED]
at Birmingham, dated
October 15, 1965.**

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Title of Case BOBBY FRANK CHERRY		Report made by SA 	Typed By: b6 ela
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SUPPLEMENTAL NONPROSECUTIVE SUMMARY

REFERENCE:

Report of SA
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Field Office File #: BH 157-476

Bureau File #: 174-78

Title: BOBBY FRANK CHERRY

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis: BOBBY FRANK CHERRY, 2412 Avenue I, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, is a white male American, date of birth 6/2/29, 6/20/29, or 6/20/30, at Mineral Springs, Alabama, and continues to reside at home in Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, with his wife and children. Subject still employed as truck driver for Gordan Transportation Company, Birmingham, Alabama. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Subject currently owns and operates 1963 Chevrolet station wagon, 1966 Alabama license 1A-4993, and 1947 Ford one-half ton pickup truck, 1966 Alabama license 1-H/I-8536. CAUTION SHOULD BE USED WHEN CONTACTING SUBJECT, BECAUSE OF HIS ALLEGED PARTICIPATION IN ACTS OF VIOLENCE, AND HIS STATEMENTS INDICATING PROPENSITY FOR VIOLENCE.

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BACKGROUND:

RESIDENCE:

2412 Avenue I, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama.

EMPLOYMENT:

On February 2, 1966, [redacted]
[redacted] Gordan Transportation Company, 1341 26th Avenue,
North, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that subject is still
employed by that company as an intercity truck driver.

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CURRENT POSITION:

Subject is not presently a member of the United
Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA).

A characterization of the UKA is set forth in
the Appendix of this report.

AUTOMOBILES:

On February 3, 1966, the records of the Jefferson
County Department of Revenue, Birmingham, Alabama, were
checked, and disclosed that the following vehicles were
currently registered to subject:

1963 Chevrolet station wagon, Vehicle Identifi-
cation Number 31535A146648, bearing 1966 Alabama license
1A-4993, color white.

1947 Ford one-half ton pickup truck, Vehicle
Identification Number 799C13884, bearing 1966 Alabama license
1-H/I-8536. This truck is black with white trim around the
cab and on the sides of the hood. It has twin exhausts ex-
tending upwards, one on each side and near the rear of the
cab.

PHOTOGRAPH:

Photographs of subjects are being maintained in
the files of the Birmingham Division.

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Character RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference Report of SA [redacted] b6
at Birmingham, dated May 26, 1966. b7C

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

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Report of SA [REDACTED]

Date: 1/18/67

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Field Office File #: BH 157-476

Bureau File #: 157-4412

Title: BOBBIE FRANK CHERRY

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis: BOBBIE FRANK CHERRY, 2412 Avenue I, Ensley, Alabama, continues to be employed as a driver by the Gordon Transportation Company, Birmingham, Alabama. Subject currently not a member of any Klan organization. Subject currently owns and operates 1963 Chevrolet station wagon. Current credit and criminal investigation regarding subject included. CAUTION SHOULD BE USED WHEN CONTACTING SUBJECT BECAUSE OF HIS ALLEGED PARTICIPATION IN ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND HIS STATEMENTS INDICATE A PROPENSITY FOR VIOLENCE.

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DETAILS:BACKGROUNDRESIDENCE:

2412 Avenue I, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama.

EMPLOYMENT:

On January 3, 1967, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Gordon Transportation Company, 1341 26th Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that subject is employed by that company as a truck driver.

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CURRENT POSITION IN THE KLAN:

A characterization of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is set forth as a part of the appendix of this report.

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AUTOMOBILE:

Subject ~~owns~~ and operates a 1963 Chevrolet station wagon, VIN 31535A146648, white in color.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

On January 3, 1967, [] Merchants Credit Association, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that her file indicates that BOBBIE FRANK CHERRY, of 2412 Avenue I, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, continues to be employed by the Gordon Transportation Company, as a truck driver. After filing as a bankrupt in October of 1963, subject has continued to exhibit a propensity for being a credit risk, as evidenced by five claims filed against him since that period, mostly by physicians and hospitals concerning bills for medical care.

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On January 3, 1967, [] Birmingham Records Court, advised that on February 25, 1966, BOBBIE FRANK CHERRY was placed under a \$100 peace bond by Judge J. EARL LANGNER. He was ordered to keep the peace and not to carry out any threats against [] and to keep the peace in the community for a period of one year from that date.

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Birmingham, Alabama 35203
January 18, 1967

Title BOBBIE FRANK CHERRY

Character RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated January 18, 1967, at
Birmingham, Alabama.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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Reporting Office BIRMINGHAM	Office of Origin BIRMINGHAM	Date 1/30/68	Investigative Period 12/15/66 - 1/22/68
Title of Case BOBBIE FRANK CHERRY		Report made by SA 	Typed By: epg
		Character of Case RM (KLAN)	

SUPPLEMENTAL NONPROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

REFERENCE: Report of SA at Birmingham, 1/18/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status for a period of six months, after which time it will be reopened and subject's activities brought up to date and reported.

Information included in this report was received prior to date of rerep but not included.

INFORMANTS:

Careful consideration has been given to the use of T symbols in this report in view of the KKK's potential for violence. The symbols have been used to protect these sources of information.

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AGENCY: ACSI, ~~ONE~~ OSI, SEC SER
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LEADS:

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AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

Will, at the expiration of six months, review
file and report activities of subject.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: January 30, 1968

Office: BIRMINGHAM

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Field Office File #: 157-476

Bureau File #: 157-4412

Title: BOBBIE FRANK CHERRY

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis: BOBBIE FRANK CHERRY, white male American, resides at 509 9th Avenue, Pleasant Grove, Alabama. He is employed as an intra-city truck driver for Gordon Transportation Company, Birmingham, Alabama. Subject is not now a member of any Klan organization. Subject currently inactive in all racial activity according to established sources. CAUTION SHOULD BE USED WHEN CONTACTING SUBJECT BECAUSE OF HIS ALLEGED PARTICIPATION IN ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND HIS STATEMENTS INDICATING PROPENSITY FOR VIOLENCE.

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

RESIDENCE

On February 28, 1967, [REDACTED] advised that BOBBIE FRANK CHERRY and his family moved from 2412 Avenue I, to Pleasant Grove, Alabama, a few weeks prior to this contact.

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On February 28, 1967, [REDACTED] Pleasant Grove Police Department, Pleasant Grove, Alabama, advised that BOBBIE FRANK CHERRY lives at 509 9th Avenue, Pleasant Grove, Alabama, with his family.

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On January 24, 1968, [redacted] Pleasant Grove Police Department, Pleasant Grove, Alabama, advised that BOBBIE FRANK CHERRY continues to reside at 509 9th Avenue, Pleasant Grove, Alabama.

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EMPLOYMENT

On February 28, 1967, [redacted] Gordon Transportation Company, 1341 26th Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that BOBBIE FRANK CHERRY is employed by his company as an intra-city truck driver.

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On January 24, 1968, [redacted] confirmed the above information that CHERRY is still employed by the Gordon Transportation Company.

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CURRENT POSITION IN THE KLAN

A characterization of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is set forth as a part of the appendix of this report.

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AUTOMOBILE

Automobile currently owned and operated by subject is unknown at the present time.

APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute, and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by [redacted] Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several southern states.)

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Second source advised that at a meeting in Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Third source advised on May 25, 1967, that the UKA is currently an active organization with Klaverns in several states. This source said that [redacted] is the Imperial Wizard of this organization and was elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source stated that during April, 1966, the National Office was moved from Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to the carport of [redacted] residence, [redacted] which space he had converted into a room.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
January 30, 1968

Title BOBBIE FRANK CHERRY

Character RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated January 30, 1968, at
Birmingham, Alabama.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office BIRMINGHAM	Office of Origin BIRMINGHAM	Date 1/30/69	Investigative Period 4/11/68 - 1/27/69
Title of Case BOBBYE FRANK CHERRY		Report made by SA [redacted]	Typed By: iam/mas
		Character of Case RM (KLAN)	

SUPPLEMENTAL NON-PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] at Birmingham dated 1/30/68.

ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU: -----Two copies FD-376

ADMINISTRATIVE:

This case being placed in pending inactive status for period of six months after which time it will be reopened and subject's activities brought up-to-date.

Information in the details of this report concerning subject's current address is attributed to SA [redacted] by observation.

This information was verified through [redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY) although this fact is not reflected in the details of this report.

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Source

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BIRMINGHAM

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

Will, at the expiration of six months, review file and bring subject's activities up-to-date.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. **157-476**

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

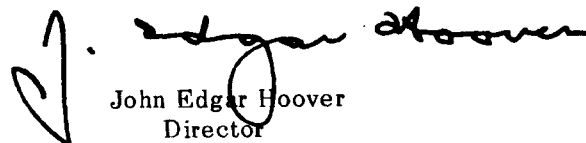
Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service **Birmingham (RM)**

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: 1/30/69

Office: BIRMINGHAM

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Field Office File #: 157-476

Bureau File #: 157-4412

Title: BOBBY FRANK CHERRY

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis: BOBBY FRANK CHERRY, white male American, resides 2412 Avenue I, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama. CHERRY employed as an intra-city truck driver for Gordon Transports Company, Birmingham, Alabama. Subject is not now a member of any Klan group. Subject owns and operates a 1963 Chevrolet station wagon. Subject's wife died in March 1968. CAUTION SHOULD BE USED WHEN CONTACTING SUBJECT BECAUSE OF HIS ALLEGED PARTICIPATION IN ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND HIS STATEMENTS INDICATING PROPENSITY FOR VIOLENCE.

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUNDI. RESIDENCE

A check of the Department of Motor Vehicle Licenses for Jefferson County, Alabama, on April 19, 1968, revealed that BOBBY FRANK CHERRY resides at 2412 Avenue I, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama.

On April 19, 1968, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Gordon Transports Company, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that BOBBY FRANK CHERRY is employed by Gordon Transports Company and lists his address as 2412 Avenue I, Ensley.

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On January 27, 1968, SA [] made a visual observation on the premises of 2412 Avenue I, Ensley, and observed it to be occupied. A small child was observed on the porch and recognized to be the son of BOBBY FRANK CHERRY.

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II. EMPLOYMENT

On August 16, 1968, [] Gordon Transports Company, 1341 North 26th Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that BOBBY FRANK CHERRY is employed by his company as a truck driver on an intra-city basis.

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III. CURRENT POSITION IN THE KLAN

A characterization of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), is set forth as a part of the Appendix of this report.

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IV. AUTOMOBILE

Records of the Jefferson County Department of Motor Vehicles were checked on January 27, 1969, by SA [] and it was noted that subject has only one vehicle registered in his name. It is a 1963 Chevrolet station wagon, VIN 31535A146648. His 1969 tag number for this vehicle will not be listed in the Jefferson County Revenue Licenses until March 1, 1969.

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MISCELLANEOUS

On April 18, 1968, [REDACTED] Gordon
Transports Company, advised that BOBBY FRANK CHERRY's
wife died from cancer sometime in the middle of March
1968.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama
January 30, 1969

Title BOBBY FRANK CHERRY

Character RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated January 30, 1969, at
Birmingham, Alabama.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-4412)

DATE: 4/29/70

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-476) (C)

SUBJECT: BOBBY FRANK CHERRY
RM (KLAN)

Re supplemental nonprosecutive summary report
of SA [redacted] 1/30/69, at Birmingham.

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Subject was formerly a member of the Klavern #1, Tarrant, Alabama, UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA); however, he has not been a member or active in Klan activities for approximately the past four years, according to Birmingham informants familiar with the various Klan and hate group organizations in the Birmingham area, including [redacted]

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Subject has been investigated by Birmingham as a suspect in connection with the GREENBOMBS and BAPBOMB cases since 1965. According to Birmingham informants familiar with various Klan or hate groups in the Birmingham area, subject has not been active or affiliated with any Klan group since approximately 1966.

Subject has been interviewed in the past and has denied any knowledge of any of the bombings that have occurred in the Birmingham area during the past several years.

Subject has been carried as a bombing suspect by Birmingham; however, since Birmingham is in the process of re-evaluating its bombing suspect list, it is felt at the present time that subject does not meet the criteria for investigation as set forth in Section 122-A of the Manual of Instructions.

Birmingham will continue to follow the activities of subject in connection with the BAPBOMB and GREENBOMBS investigations, and information developed concerning subject

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will be reported in the monthly summaries submitted by Birmingham in these matters. At such time as information is developed that subject is involved in any type of Klan or racial activity or bombing matters, consideration will be given by Birmingham to reopening his file for additional investigation.

However, since, as pointed out above, he has not been active in any way in any Klan or hate group or violent activity, Birmingham is placing his file in a closed status, UACB.